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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel without prejudice claims 19-20, 25, and 30-39 and amend claims 26-29, as indicated in the following list of pending claims:

PENDING CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A treatment process for a tissue specimen disposed in surrounding tissue comprising:
 - a. providing a treatment device having an elongated shaft with longitudinal axis, a distal end, an operational portion on a distal shaft portion proximal to the distal end, a tissue cutting member at the operational portion extending longitudinally along a length thereof aligned with the longitudinal axis and a tissue damager at the operational portion within the length of the operational portion;
 - b. isolating the tissue specimen from the surrounding tissue by at least partially severing the tissue specimen from the surrounding tissue with the tissue cutting member by rotating the tissue cutter at least partially around the longitudinal axis;
 - c. damaging the isolated tissue specimen with the tissue damager while the specimen remains at the operational portion of the shaft.
- 2 - 18. (Cancelled)
- 19 - 21. (Cancelled)
22. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 1, wherein the tissue cutting member is a radio frequency powered tissue cutting element.

23. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 22, wherein the tissue cutting element is an arcuate cutting member.

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) The process of claim [[19]] 1, wherein the ~~separated~~ isolated tissue specimen is damaged by ionizing radiation.

27. (Currently Amended) The process of claim [[19]] 1, wherein the ~~separated~~ isolated tissue specimen is damaged by morcellation.

28. (Currently Amended) The process of claim [[19]] 1, wherein the ~~separated~~ isolated tissue specimen is damaged by raising the temperature of the specimen.

29. (Currently Amended) The process of claim [[19]] 1, wherein the ~~separated~~ isolated tissue specimen is damaged by applying a damaging chemical by the tissue specimen.

30-39. (Cancelled)